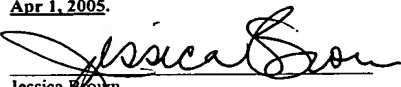


10/529920  
JC13 Rec'd PCT/PTO 01 APR 2005

**PATENT**

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING BY EXPRESS MAIL(37 CFR § 1.10)  
"Express Mail" Mailing Label Number EV465912033US  
I hereby certify that this paper or fee is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR § 1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on Apr 1, 2005.

  
Jessica Brown

Applicants: FREEBAIRN, Neil et al.

Serial No.: Filed herewith

Filing Date: April 1, 2005

Title: COMMUNICATIONS NODE

Group Art Unit: Unknown

Attorney Docket: 072995-0015

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the claims as shown herewith. Amendments to the claims begin on page 2. Remarks begin on page 10.